

postgraduate program has skyrocketed. So this is more than just about football. It is about national recognition for a team and a school, and the outstanding character of that school and the educational opportunities it provides to people from all over this country.

Madam Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to speak on this and for bringing this to the floor today. This Saturday they have a parade and a day of recognition for the Boise State team, and I am sure that they will be very honored to have this.

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON). And there is no question that he has every right to be very proud of the Boise State Broncos.

As a matter of fact, I think that because it is a small school, because it is a school that is not the perennial schools that finish up top, say, the last 50 years, for the last 8 or 10 years Boise State has had a difficult time trying to prove its worth. Even though they beat top contenders, they will say it was a fluke; it was some mistake, it was just by luck. And I think that by their continuing winning, by them moving up and winning the national championship, I believe that they will finally have the naysayers saying that this is really an outstanding team.

We found the same situation in the great State of New Jersey, where Rutgers University, a State university that has had a terrible football program for years and years and years, although it played one of the first football games in the country in 1897 against Princeton, when Princeton and Rutgers played. They have now, finally, been able to, after last year wasn't a fluke, this year losing only two games and going to a major bowl.

Athletes from New Jersey now are staying in New Jersey, and that is what made the difference. New Jersey athletes have made other States' teams great, and now that they are staying in the State, we will certainly expect to see Rutgers University, perhaps, play Boise State next year for the national championship.

So with that, Madam Speaker, I, again, congratulate the Boise State Broncos.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SOLIS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 43.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those voting have responded in the affirmative.

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further

proceedings on this question will be postponed.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS FOR THEIR 2006 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES VICTORY

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 39, the Wasserman Schultz-Stearns resolution commending the University of Florida Fighting Gators for their victory in the 2006 Bowl Championship Series and for winning the national college football title.

Madam Speaker, after a hard-fought football season, the Florida Gators proved victorious on January 8 with a dazzling 41-14 triumph over the Ohio State University Buckeyes.

While many critics expressed doubt about the Gators' chances for victory, Florida's Congressional Delegation and all of the students, alumni and friends in the Gator Nation stood by the Orange and Blue.

Led by senior quarterback Chris Leak, the MVP of the game, and Florida's impenetrable defense, Florida Gators dominated the game when the stakes were the highest.

This season, as Florida's football program celebrated its 100th anniversary, the University of Florida made history by winning national titles in both men's basketball and football in the same season.

Congressman STEARNS and I would like to extend special congratulations to Florida's head coach, Urban Meyer, who trained this football team to be the best in the country.

The Florida players, coaches, faculty, students and alumni all pulled together with hard work and dedication to help the team win. All of the student athletes are shining stars for the University, and deserve our highest praise.

The Gator Nation's academic reputation is stellar, our sports teams are number one, and our fans are like none other.

Madam Speaker, it is great to be a Florida Gator.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of California) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 61, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 39, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 43, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

OBSERVING THE BIRTHDAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 61.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 61, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 24]

YEAS—418

Abercrombie	Burgess	Diaz-Balart, L.
Ackerman	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, M.
Akin	Camp (MI)	Dicks
Alexander	Campbell (CA)	Dingell
Allen	Cannon	Doggett
Altmire	Cantor	Donnelly
Andrews	Capito	Doolittle
Arcuri	Capps	Doyle
Baca	Capuano	Drake
Bachmann	Cardoza	Dreier
Bachus	Carnahan	Duncan
Baird	Carney	Edwards
Baker	Carson	Ehlers
Baldwin	Carter	Ellison
Barrett (SC)	Castle	Ellsworth
Barrow	Castor	Emanuel
Bartlett (MD)	Chabot	Emerson
Barton (TX)	Chandler	Engel
Bean	Clarke	English (PA)
Becerra	Clay	Eshoo
Berkley	Cleaver	Etheridge
Berman	Clyburn	Everett
Berry	Coble	Fallin
Biggert	Cohen	Farr
Bilbray	Cole (OK)	Fattah
Bilirakis	Conaway	Feeney
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Ferguson
Bishop (NY)	Cooper	Filner
Bishop (UT)	Costa	Flake
Blackburn	Costello	Forbes
Blumenauer	Courtney	Fortenberry
Blunt	Cramer	Fossella
Boehner	Crenshaw	Fox
Bonner	Crowley	Frank (MA)
Bono	Cubin	Franks (AZ)
Boozman	Cuellar	Frelinghuysen
Boren	Culberson	Garrett (NJ)
Boswell	Cummings	Gerlach
Boucher	Davis (CA)	Giffords
Boustany	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Boyd (FL)	Davis (KY)	Gillibrand
Boyda (KS)	Davis, David	Gillmor
Brady (PA)	Davis, Jo Ann	Gingrey
Brady (TX)	Davis, Lincoln	Gohmert
Braley (IA)	Davis, Tom	Gonzalez
Brown (SC)	DeFazio	Goode
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Goodlatte
Brown-Waite,	Delahunt	Gordon
Ginny	DeLauro	Granger
Buchanan	Dent	Graves